

Thursday

Hi Vicki and Jim,

How are you two these days? Really fine I hope - just received your last letter and was sort of shocked to see it's been so long - Guess we've been busy or gone-occupied. Dad's been having fun (?) with the County Planning Commission & Building Permit Division - they caught up with us finally and informed us we were deficient in building permits - having two only to remodel the Barn - which they said didn't cover enclosing a residence part of a portion of it - So - o



we've been moving in that direction.
 They sent us a letter saying we
 had to submit complete drawings
 etc & of course pay double for
 all fees since it was "after
 the fact" - Well so be it, but
 the inspector had loads of
 ideas that have to be added -
 such as more insulation under
 the floor & around the perimeter,
 building a wall around the furnace
 so it won't "waste" energy &
 raising out the utility ^{root} window
 because it opens into an area
 where machinery may be running -
Carbon Monoxide - Also -
 I think he will make
 us close up the long
 widow in the front
 upstairs ^{bedroom} ~~windows~~ (same
 reason) - and the
 biggest chose - We have to



provide a fire escape from
the sleeping area upstairs -
through a window - So the only
acceptable way was to remove
the existing window in the
east bedroom - make a sort of
escape deck on the roof and put
in a larger window - So that's
done now anyway - it does
make a nice window area +
a view out into the orchard.
and a dandy place for grand-
children to climb out onto the
roof! So eventually we will hope
to pass final inspection -
Should have applied for
the permit before he /
even touched the upstairs
or before that - But he
could hardly draw complete
plans before working
out problems as he came
to them - oh well -



Back to your letter - It would be wonderful for you two to move back this way and be around during harvest, etc., but I don't think you're ready for such a change yet - there are too many things and opportunities where you are to think of it yet -

Has Jim gone to Turkey yet? That will be an interesting trip I imagine - you'll have to tell us about it when he returns - And did you get up into Quebec to see the autumn coloring, etc.?

We went to Sudbord^o over my Columbus Day holiday - Had a beautiful drive & the leaves are getting beautiful - and it was fun seeing them and this new home -

Kerry is walking quite a bit



now and trying to talk - Sue is a sweetie - Debbie gave us a 10 month picture - 5x7- & a wallet size for you, which I'm enclosing - Ken was filling in their back yard & had rented a tractor to work it up while we were there - Has seeded it since - they like Medford quite well & he enjoys his job - hasn't had to work overly hard yet - Not enough cement to push.

Jerry was out for dinner one evening this week - His union is out on strike - as are other grocery warehousemen & truck drivers pretty well over the state - Hope they get it settled soon -

We're staying home from Sq. Dance class tonight because Dad has a terrible



cold - He didn't catch mine
or Francis' or George's a couple
weeks ago but had to get
his very own!

Hope you can read all my
scribbling - Once I get started
I can't stop -

Write real soon and fill
us in on what's happening -
We love you -

Mom & Dad.